

MINUTES
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED & SIXTH
SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION
OF
STATE LINE

FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
OF
MISSISSIPPI - ALABAMA

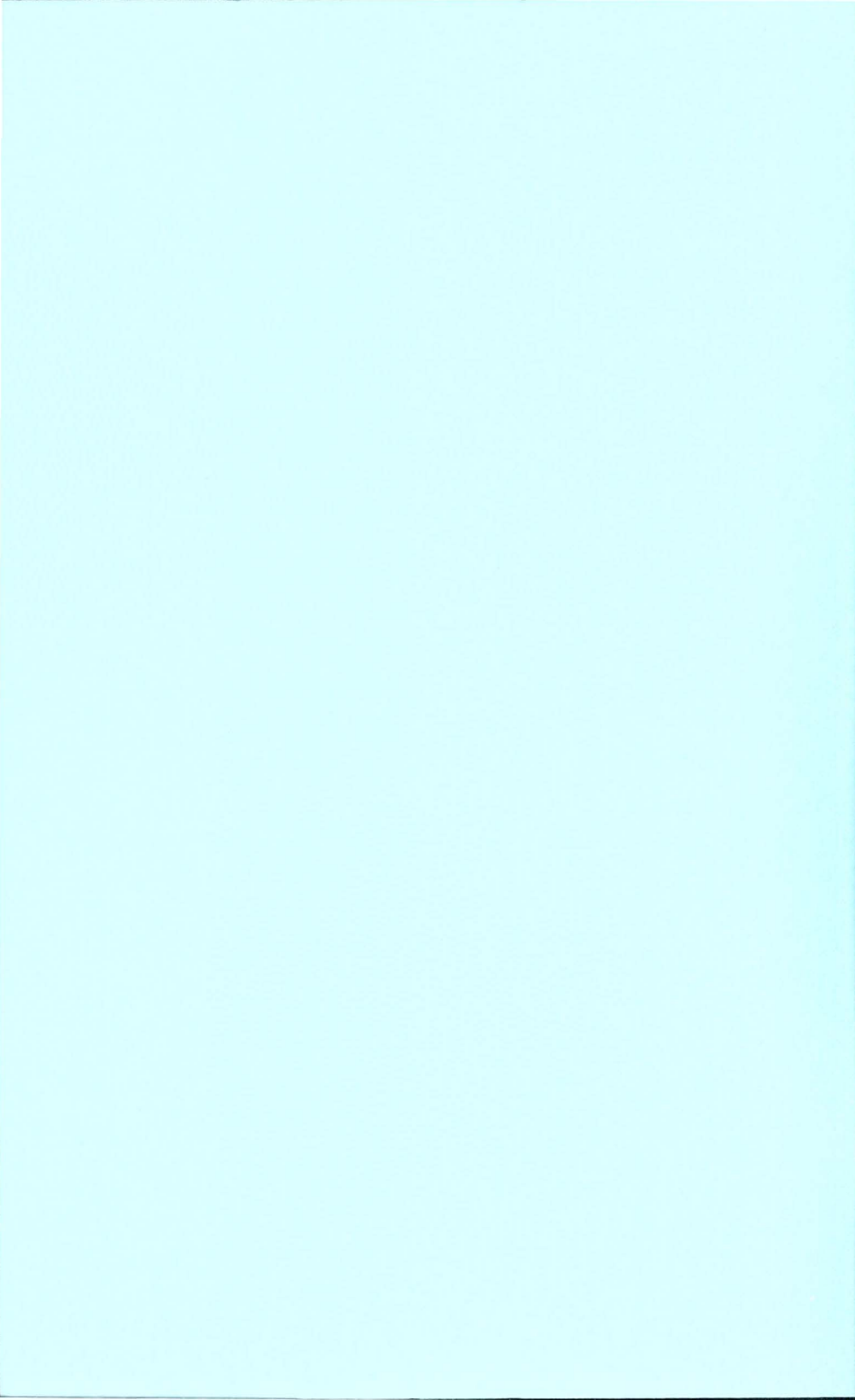
HELD WITH:

GOOD SPRINGS - APRIL 10, 2010
AND
BETHEL - OCTOBER 9, 2010

OFFICERS

Moderator	Bro. Bill Duncan
Assistant Moderator	Bro. Edwin Brewer
Clerk and Treasurer	Bro. Jason Hammontree
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer	Sis. Kelly Hammontree
Trustee to Children's Home	Bro. David Carter
Associational Pastor	Bro. Terry Parrish

The next session will be held with Barnesville on April 9, 2011 and with Poplar Log on October 8, 2011.



CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be known as the State Line Free Will Baptist Association of Mississippi and Alabama.
2. The Association shall be composed of ministers, deacons, and delegates of different churches forming the same.
3. All ministers and churches wishing to become members of this body must willingly submit to the Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of the same.
4. Each church in the Association shall be entitled to three delegates for the first hundred members or fraction thereof and one delegate for every additional fifty members.
5. This Association shall have a standing Credentials Committee composed of three members, which shall be composed of deacons. The oldest member shall be dropped each year and a new one appointed by the Moderator. Their duty shall be to examine all church letters and applications for membership, both churches and ministers and make report of same to the body.
6. Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer who shall be elected by ballot at each regular session.
7. This Association shall meet on the second Saturday in April and October of each year and shall not adjourn until all business is transacted.
8. The Association shall vote on where the next Association shall be held until one church gets the majority vote.
9. The Constitution, By-Laws, may be altered or amended at any regular session of this Association by a majority vote of the members present.
10. No ministers, deacon or delegates shall be seated in this body unless they agree to stay throughout the session unless they are providentially hindered.
11. All ministers pastoring the Churches in the Mississippi-Alabama Association shall abide by rules of the same.

SPRING 2010

The spring session of the 106th Semi-Annual Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association meeting was held on April 10th, 2010 at Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church. The session was opened with a Class song "Will You Meet Me Over Yonder" led by Bro. Robert Burleson and the opening prayer led by Bro. Tom Scott.

Reading of the Rules of Decorum by Moderator, Bro. Bill Duncan.

Pastor, Bro. Craig McCarley came forward to welcome the Delegates, Churches, Pastors, Deacons, and Visitors to Good Springs.

Roll Call of Delegates and Reading of the Credentials Committee report by Clerk, Bro. Jason Hammontree.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials Committee make a motion that all delegates be seated.

James McCarley
Hershel Emerson
Robert Burleson

The motion was seconded, Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES BY BRO. BILL DUNCAN

Appreciation Committee: Jeanette Carter, Jeanie Tice, Candy Brewer
Devotion Committee: David Carter, R.B. Barnes, James McCarley

Bro. Rick Cash came forward to address the Association concerning the Acts 1:8 program as well as a report for the Eldridge Children's Home.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We the members of the Ordaining Council make a motion based on the interview, written questionnaire, and request from his home church to recommend Bro. Terry Parrish for ordination as a minister in the Alabama-Mississippi State Line Association.

Jeff Fleming
Randal Tice
Craig McCarley

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Business Committee make a motion that item number 34 in the Order of Business section of the minutes be removed.

Motion was tabled.

Committees dismissed to meet by Moderator, Bro. Bill Duncan.

Special Song by, Sis. Gracie Franks "Remember Me".

DEVOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Devotion Committee move that Bro. David Carter bring the morning devotion.

R.B. Barnes
David Carter
James McCarley

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Appreciation Committee would like to extend our great appreciation on behalf of State Line Association to the Good Springs Church for their hospitality toward us. We would like to thank you for your kindness, wonderful lunch, and great fellowship. May God bless each of you.

Candy Brewer
Jeanie Tice
Jeanette Carter

ORDINATION SERVICE FOR BRO. TERRY PARRISH

Bro. Craig McCarley and Bro. Ronald Watson were called upon to preach the charge to Bro. Terry Parrish to preach the Gospel and ordain him as a Minister. Bro. Ronald preached from the book of Romans (10:14-15) and the book of 2 Timothy (4:1,2&5). Bro. Craig came forward to complete the charge from Phillippians (4:13) and Proverbs (3:5). Bro. Terry and Sis. Gail Parrish then knelt at the altar and each preacher present came and prayed over them.

The Ordaining Council presented Bro. Terry with an Certificate of Ordination. The congregation came forward with a right hand of fellowship to Bro. Terry and Sis. Gail. The Church at Good Springs then presented Bro. Terry with a card of good standing as a minister in the association, as well as appointing Bro. Terry as the Associational Pastor to replace Bro. Josh Williams since he had accepted a Pastorate position at Bethel FWB Church. Bro. Terry addressed the congregation and thanked them for their love and support.

Dismissal for AM break.

Session re-opened with Class Song.

Bro. David Carter came with the morning devotion with reading from Ecclesiastes (1:9-10) and Ezekiel (13:1-11).

Special song by Eric Zills, "Does He Still Feel The Nails."

Bro. Edwin Brewer came with the morning message. His text was taken from Deuteronomy (23:14), Daniel (3:25), John (20:19), and Revelation (1:13, 2:1).

Bro. Craig McCarley dismissed the spring session with prayer.

Delegates Spring 2010

Antioch: Bro. R.B. Barnes, Bro. Bill Williams, Sis. Sue Williams, Bro. Lenn Holloway

Barnesville: Bro. Jimmy Kipplinger, Sis. Delores Young, Sis. Letha Mills

Bethel: Sis. Gracie Franks, Sis. Dara Williams, Sis. Brenda Benson

Fairview: Sis. Jeanette Carter, Sis. Elaine McCarley, Sis. Sheila Hughes

Good Springs: Bro. Pat Cochran, Bro. JR Spencer, Bro. Brandon Parrish, Sis. Geraldine Green, Sis. Wanda Williford

Mt. Hope: Bro. Dalton Holt, Bro. Robert Peacock, Sis. Diane Peacock

Pleasant Ridge: Bro. Eric Zills, Sis. Dawn Hornsby

Poplar Log: Bro. Dennis Tice, Sis. Jeanie Tice, Sis. Wanda McCarley, Bro. Larry Ingle

Rocky Grove: Sis. Annette Blaker, Sis. Georgia Galbreath, Sis. Candy Brewer, Sis. Sandra Burleson

Union Ridge: Bro. Fred Rushing, Sis. Grace Rushing, Sis. Cynthia Myers, Sis. Kathy Woodham

FALL SESSION 2010

The fall session of the 106th Semi-Annual Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association meeting was held on October 9, 2010 at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church. The session was opened with a Class song "I'll Fly Away" led by Bro. James McCarley and the opening prayer led by Bro. Jamie Jeffreys.

Reading of the Rules of Decorum by Moderator, Bro. Bill Duncan.

Pastor, Bro. Josh Williams came forward to welcome the Delegates, Churches, Pastors, Deacons, and Visitors to Good Springs.

Roll Call of Delegates and Reading of the Credentials Committee report by Clerk, Bro. Jason Hammontree.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Credentials Committee find all Church letters to be in order. We make a motion that all delegates be seated.

James McCarley
Hershel Emerson
Robert Burleson

The motion was seconded, Motion carried.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Sunday School Committee have examined all Church letters and find that all Churches are participating in Sunday School.

Odean Mills
James McCarley
Henry Pearce

The motion was seconded, Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Terry Parrish, Dwight McCarley, R.B. Barnes

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE: Jane Williams, Shelby Barnes, Elaine McCarley

Special song by Sis. Gracie Franks, "This Is What Salvation Has Done For Me"

Special song by Sis. Mandy Anderson, "He'll Show Me All The Faces"

Committees dismissed to meet by Moderator, Bro. Bill Duncan.

Bro. Jason Hammontree addressed the Association concerning a report of the Acts 1:8 program on behalf of Bro. Rick Cash.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

As members of the Ordaining Council we make a motion that Bro. Barry Cook's name be dropped from the list of ministers due to his membership not being listed at any Church in the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association.

Jeff Fleming
Craig McCarley

The motion was seconded, Motion carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Business Committee make a motion that the Mississippi-Alabama State Line Association donate \$250 to the Eldridge Children's Home.

Jason Hammontree
Bill Duncan
Craig McCarley
Edwin Brewer
J.H. Sullins

The motion was seconded, Motion carried.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Devotion Committee make a motion that Bro. Josh Williams bring the morning devotion.

David Carter
R.B. Barnes
James McCarley

The motion was seconded, Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the finance committee report a balance of \$7290.11 after all expenses and deposits for the fiscal year.

Terry Parrish
Dwight McCarley
R.B. Barnes

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the appreciation committee with great honor present the years of service pins to Bro. Bill Duncan (40 years) and Bro. Edwin Brewer (10 years). Thank you so much for all of your dedication and faithful service to our wonderful Savior.

We also would like to thank Bethel Church for hosting this association. Thanks for all the hospitality and good food. May God Bless each of you.

Jeanette Carter
Candy Brewer
Jeanie Tice

The motion was seconded, Motion carried.

Dismiss for AM break.

Meeting was called back to order with Class song.

TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

The motion was seconded, Motion carried.

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORT

Antioch: Sis. Ema Barnes

Fairview: Bro. Albert Carter, Sis. Betty Ballard

Mt. Hope: Sis. Carolyn Evans Shotts, Bro. Oneal Tice, Sis. Artie Tice

The above members were an asset to their community and church. They are greatly missed, our sympathy to all the loved ones. The Minister chosen to bring the message is Bro. Bill Duncan.

Shelby Barnes
Elaine McCarley
Jane Williams

The motion was seconded, Motion carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We the Ordaining Council make a motion to issue a card of good standing to all ordained ministers found in good standing with the Association.

Jeff Fleming
Craig McCarley
Randall Tice

The motion was seconded, Motion carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

As members of the Ordaining Council we make a motion that Sis. Sue Collier be presented with a card of good standing for her faithful support of our association.

Jeff Fleming
Craig McCarley
Randall Tice

The motion was seconded, Motion carried.

Special song by Bro. Edwin and Sis. Candy Brewer, "Did I Mention".

Bro. Josh Williams came with the morning devotion. Text was taken from Psalms (1:1-6, 86:12-13) "What we need to do to be a successful Christian".

New Officer Elections:

Moderator: Edwin Brewer

Asst. Moderator: Bill Duncan

Clerk: Jason Hammontree

Assoc. Pastor: Craig McCarley

Trustee to Children's Home: David Carter

Appointees for standing committees:

Sunday School Committee

James McCarley (Chair)

Odean Mills

Gracie Franks

Ordaining Council

Craig McCarley (Chair)

Jeff Fleming

Terry Parrish

Credentials Committee

Robert Burleson (Chair)

James McCarley

David Knight

Business Committee

Moderator

Asst. Moderator

Clerk

Robert Peacock

Dawn Hornsby

Selection for Church hosting the Association

Spring 2011: Barnesville

Fall 2011: Poplar Log

Deceased Members message given by Bro. Bill Duncan text taken from Psalms (116:15).

Morning message given by Bro. Bill Duncan "Anchor" text taken from Acts (27:29) and John (14:3, 18-19).

The Fall session was closed with prayer by Bro. Larry Gene Davis.

FALL DELEGATES 2010

Antioch: Sis. Sue Williams and Sis. Donna Lawrence

Barnesville: Sis. Jane Williams, Sis. Jean Brown, Sis. Delores Young, Sis. JoAnn Williams

Bethel: Sis. Shelby Barnes, Sis. Faye Jordan, Sis. Gracie Franks, Sis. Mandy Anderson

Fairview: Bro. Hunter Warren, Sis. Elaine McCarley, Sis. Jeanette Carter

Good Springs: Bro. Timmy Humphries, Bro. Joe Roberts, Bro. J.R.

Spencer

Mt. Hope: Bro. Henry Pierce, Bro. Gary Carter, Bro. Dwight McCarley, Bro. Robert Peacock-Alt.

Pleasant Ridge: Bro. Eric Zills, Sis. Dawn Hornsby, Bro. Coy Tucker

Poplar Log: Bro. Dennis Tice, Sis. Jeanie Tice, Sis. Virginia Duncan, Sis. Wanda McCarley-Alt.

Rocky Grove: Sis. Annette Blaker, Sis. Candy Brewer, Bro. Matthew Wanner

Union Ridge: Bro. Fred Rushing, Sis. Grace Rushing, Sis. Kathy Woodham, Sis. Beverly Knight

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand October 31, 2009	\$6,879.05
State Dues	\$1,350.00
Balance on hand November 30, 2009	\$5,529.05
Balance on hand December 31, 2009	\$5,529.05
Balance on hand January 31, 2010	\$5,529.05
Balance on hand February 28, 2010	\$5,529.05
Star Printing (Minutes)	\$669.44
Balance on hand March 31, 2010	\$4,859.61
Balance on hand April 20, 2010	\$4,859.61
Balance on hand May 31, 2010	\$4,859.61
Balance on hand June 30, 2010	\$4,859.61
Balance on hand July 31, 2010	\$4,859.61
Balance August 31, 2010	\$4,859.61
Balance on hand September 30, 2010	\$4,859.61

Contributions received as of October 8, 2010 are as follows:

Antioch	\$175.00
Barnesville	\$350.00
Bethel	\$300.00
Fairview	\$123.00
Good Springs	\$165.00
Mt. Hope	\$295.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$400.00
Poplar Log	\$217.50
Rocky Grove	\$155.00
Union Ridge	\$250.00
Total of Contributions	\$2,430.50

Balance on hand as of October 9, 2010

\$7,290.11

DEACONS

ANTIOCH: Bro. R.B. Barnes, Bro. Bill Williams, and Bro. Charles Spencer, Sr.
BARNESVILLE: Bro. Odean Mills, Bro. Hershel Emerson, Bro. Wayne Williams and Bro. Hansel Taylor.
BETHEL: Bro. Henry H. Franks, Bro. Wendell J. Franks, Bro. Bobbie Benson and Bro. Donnie Franks.
FAIRVIEW: Bro. Hugh L. Carter and Bro. Tallmadge "Buster" Shotts.
GOOD SPRINGS: Bro. Terry Parrish
MT. HOPE: Bro. Gary Yielding and Bro. Flura Shotts.
PLEASANT RIDGE: Bro. Dewey Crow, Bro. Elma Hue Taylor, Bro. Harry Williams, Bro. Billy Compton and Bro. Hershel Rye.
POPLAR LOG: Bro. James McCarley, Bro. Frankie Kerr.
ROCKY GROVE: Bro. Robert Burleson
UNION RIDGE: Bro. Grady Lynn Knight, Bro. David L. Knight and Bro. Tony Woodham.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Addresses and Date of Ordination

Antioch:

Rev. Otis Parmer
 6953 Hwy. 36, Guin, AL 35563, 205-487-3128 1957

Barnesville:

Rev. Jeff Fleming
 1123 Regency Place, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-7969 1985
 Rev. Woodrow Matthews
 403 3rd St. N., Guin, AL 35563, 205-468-3264. 1941

Bethel:

Rev. David Sexton
 3691 Co. Rd. 63, Brilliant, AL 35548, 205-465-9289 1975
 Rev. Josh Williams
 652 Williams Road, Hamilton, AL 35570 2009

Fairview:

Rev. Larry Gene Davis
 2401 Co. Hwy. 89, Vina, AL 35593, 256-356-4992 1978

Good Springs:

Rev. Craig McCarley
 751 Co. Hwy. 90, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-952-9585 1996
 Rev. Terry Parrish
 P.O. Box 917, Red Bay, AL 35582 2010

Mt. Hope:

Rev. Randal Tice
 787 2nd Ave. SW, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-4034. 1973
 Rev. J.H. Sullins
 706 2nd Ave. SW, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-2851. 1972

Rev. David Carter
P.O. Box 202, Sheffield, AL 35660, 256-320-2733 2003

Pleasant Ridge:

Rev. Bobby Duncan
515 Rideout Falls Rd., Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-4985 1974

Rev. David Sanderson
415 Co. Hwy. 75, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-952-9020 1990

Poplar Log:

Rev. Bill Duncan
226 Co. Hwy. 104, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-4325 1969

Rev. Jason Hammontree
746 3rd Ave. SW, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-412-9500 2004

Rocky Grove:

Rev. Edwin Brewer
10912 Co. Hwy. 13, Vina, AL 35593, 205-921-2967 2000

Union Ridge:

Rev. Thomas Scott
P.O. Box 184, Red Bay, AL, 35582, 256-356-2454 1955

CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch:

Sis. Donna Holley
P.O. Box 2274, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-7414

Barnesville:

Sis. Carole N Williams
1146 Sentry Road, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-9202

Bethel:

Sis. Gracie Franks
13766 St. Hwy. 129, Brilliant, AL 35548, 205-465-2321

Fairview:

Bro. Steven Shotts
1555 Co. Hwy. 81, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-2043

Good Springs:

Sis. Lucinda Barnes
925 Brooke Dr., Hodges, AL 35571, 256-668-2672

Mount Hope:

Sis. Dianne Peacock
2011 Hwy. 103, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-1499

Pleasant Ridge:

Sis. Linda Crowe
4001 Co. Hwy. 29, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-3730

Poplar Log:

Sis. Betty Ingle
223 Sage Lane, Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-4527

Rocky Grove:

Sis. Sandra Burleson

360 Hut Rd., Hamilton, AL 35570, 205-921-3729

Union Ridge:

Sis. Karen Northington

277 Hillview Cr., Sulligent, AL 35586, 205-698-9023

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2010

Sunday School Committee:

Bro. Henry Pierce (chair)

Bro. James McCarley

Bro. Odean Mills

Ordaining Council:

Bro. Randall Tice (chair)

Bro. Bobby Duncan

Bro. Jeff Fleming

Credentials Committee:

Bro. Hershel Emerson (chair)

Bro. Robert Burleson

Bro. James McCarley

Business Committee:

Bro. Bill Duncan

Bro. Edwin Brewer

Bro. Jason Hammontree

Bro. Craig McCarley

Bro. Jay Sullins

Trustees to Children's Home:

Bro. David Carter and Bro. Dennis Tice

Associational Pastor:

Bro. Josh Williams

RULES FOR THE PREACHERS

(1) All ministers wishing to become a member of the association will be required to go before the ordaining council with a written recommendation from the church of which they are a member, also be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as they may ask of them.

(2) Any minister who behaves himself unbecomingly to his high and exalted calling shall be reported by the Ordaining Council to the Association, who shall deal with him.

(3) All ministers will be required to strictly adhere to the teaching of the

Free Will Baptist, according to the Articles of Faith.

(4) All ministers shall be required to support and stand by boards and committees appointed by this association and do their utmost to make them a success.

(5) No minister shall speak slanderously or cast personal reflections upon another minister that will hurt his influence or ministerial standing.

(6) Any minister who draws his letter from the church to which he belongs automatically cancels his credentials until he joins some other church of the same faith and order and he is not allowed to minister any rights that is allowed the minister of the gospel to perform.

(7) It shall be required that all ordained ministers of the Association shall sign a statement that if they are proven guilty of walking disorderly they shall willingly surrender their Card of Standing and Certificate of Ordination.

(8) This association will not accept for ordination or membership any minister who has remarried after having been divorced or whose wife has been previously married or divorced.

CHURCH RULES

(1) We agree, as members of the State Line Association of Free Will Baptists, to cooperate in every move for the extension of God's Kingdom throughout the world and for the betterment of our denomination.

(2) We agree to meet in conference as often as necessary to transact the business of the church.

(3) The Moderator shall be chosen by the suffrage of the church in the absence of the Pastor. The moderator shall observe good order and explain all questions before he takes the voice of the church on them and shall have the liberty of speech as any other, but not vote unless there is a tie, when he shall give the deciding vote.

(4) It shall be the duty of all members to fill their seats in conference and bear their part of the expense.

(5) No member shall leave their seat during conference without permission from the Moderator.

(6) No member shall arraign another before the Church for any grievance without taking gospel steps. Matthew 18:15-17.

(7) All business brought before the church by motion and second and in gospel-like order shall be attended to by the church, unless withdrawn by mover.

(8) Any person wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator and if two arises at the same time the Moderator shall decide who shall speak first and no member while speaking shall cast reflection on any person, but shall adhere strictly to the subject under consideration.

(9) No member shall speak twice on the same subject without permission from the church and not more than five minutes at the time.

(10) It shall be the duty of all churches' members to be present at all church meetings, to vote on all questions that come before the church when called on by the Moderator or any member of the church who desires the mind of the whole church.

(11) If any member shall remain silent during the transaction of any business of the church and afterward complain of what was done, the same shall be deemed disorderly and the member so offending shall be dealt with accordingly.

(12) The members of the church shall not talk about one another slanderously, nor shall give report of circulation that may arise again at any church meeting, but shall make it known to the one the report is against and to no one else and any member doing otherwise shall be dealt with accordingly.

(13) We agree to do all business by a majority vote of the members present at any regular or called conference, providing a quorum is present, said quorum being seven (7) members or more.

(14) Any member or minister of the church who talks about his brother or sister slanderously shall be dealt with accordingly as the church sees fit.

(15) We recommend that each church in this Association have as many as two Sunday services each month.

(16) These rules shall be read at the opening of each conference and strictly enforced by the Moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

(1) THE BIBLE: The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

(2) GOD: There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God; infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

(3) CHRIST: Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

(4) THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

(5) THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD: God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

(6) THE SINFULNESS OF MAN: Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.

(7) **THE WORK OF CHRIST:** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.

(8) **THE TERMS OF SALVATION:** The conditions of salvation are (1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (2) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. (3) Continuance in faith and obedience unto death.

(9) **ELECTION:** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

(10) **FREEDOM OF THE WILL:** The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

(11) **SALVATION FREE:** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

(12) **PERSEVERANCE.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

(13) **GOSPEL ORDINANCES.** **BAPTISM**, or the immersion of believers in water and the **LORD'S SUPPER**, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. **FEET WASHING**, an ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.

(14) **TITHING:** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2a).

(15) **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

(16) **RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men and the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

ITEM 1: That the Clerk be paid \$35.00 plus expenses for printing of the minutes and postage for association mailing; the Moderator \$15.00; Assistant Moderator \$10.00; the Treasurer \$5.00; Assistant Clerk \$30.00; for their services. The Clerk to superintend the printing of the minutes and distribute them.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Church Membership				PAID PASTORS	Paid Evangelists	Value of Church Property	Church Improvements	Minute Fund	Dues Fund
		Church Membership	Received	Dismissed	Deceased						
ANTIOCH	Bro. Anthony Robbins	0	0	0	0	9,700.00	700.00	\$187,000	\$2839.43	175.00	17
BARNESVILLE	Bro. Jeff Fleming	120	0	0	0	15900.00	600.00	500000.00	13101.67	350.00	7
BETHEL 412-3539	Bro. Josh Williams	69	4	2	0	13050.00	1700.00	\$150,000	3500.00	300.00	17
FAIRVIEW	Bro. Jamie Jeffreys	80	4	0	2	13200.00	472.00	539349.00	6447.00	120.00	
GOOD	Tim Farley	38	1	0	0	7850.00	550.00	80,000.00	0	165.00	
MT. HOPE	Bro. Terry Parrish	163	4	0	3	20822.36	730.00	\$150,000	3329.60	295.00	18
PLEASANT RIDGE	Bro. Bobby Duncan	162	16	0	0	18,200.00	1200.00	150000.00	1178.25	400.00	
POPLAR LOG	Bro. Jason Hammontree	0	0	0	0	14400.00	600.00	120000	19962.00	217.50	44
ROCKY GROVE	Bro. Edwin Brewer	52	2	0	0	7800.00	300.00	80000.00	700.00	155.00	
UNION RIDGE	Bro. Thomas Scott	75	0	0	0	23,400.00	4157.20	380,000	2197.44	250.00	31
	Bill Duncan										

Contributions	Orphanage	Literature	Missions	Miscellaneous	Ordained Ministers	Deacons	Teachers	# In Sunday School	C.T.S.	Prayer Mtg/ Bible Study	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
797.00	500.79	0	6813.86	2	3	0	0				Bro. R.B. Barnes
750.00	2346.87	1840.00	19801.50	2	4	6	52		✓		Bro. Rodney Williams
1700.00	1200.00	700.00	2000.00	2	4	4	32		✓		Bro. Donnie Franks
63.00	1909.00	887.00	0	2	2	8	60	✓	✓		Bro. Keith Gann
0	630.86	0	8671.10	2	1	4	20				Bro. Timmy Humphries
1865.22	1661.66	0	9368.92	4	2	4	36				Bro. Robert Peacock
0	4057.37	0	0	3	4	9	100		✓		Bro. Harry Williams
4471.89	3313.85	1207.51	4113.13	2	2	7	50		✓		Bro. Greg Hardin
0	700.00	265.00	0	1	1	3	25				Bro. Robert Burleson
3100.00	1627.94	15488.99	7125.37	1	3	6	30				Bro. Johnny Hulsey

- ITEM 2: That the Moderator preach the October session sermon, the Assistant Moderator preach the April Session sermon.
- ITEM 3: That the body decide where the next association shall convene.
- ITEM 4: That our Saturday sessions begin at 9:00 a.m.
- ITEM 5: That no money be paid out of any fund except by order of the Association.
- ITEM 6: That all pastors explain the value of tithing to various churches.
- ITEM 7: We go on record opposing all drugs and liquor traffic and legalization of intoxicating beverages, the ERA, Abortion on Demand and homosexuality.
- ITEM 8: That our pastors adhere strictly to Biblical doctrine and Free Will Baptist belief and practices as set forth in our National Treatise.
- ITEM 9. That the Association grant each ordained minister a card of good standing each year.
- ITEM 10. This Association will not accept for ordination or membership, any minister who has remarried after having been divorced or whose wife has been previously married or divorced.
- ITEM 11: That any minister for two years failing to represent himself in person, by letter, or when providentially hindered, by verbal report, his name be dropped from the roll of ministers and he not receive a Card of Standing.
- ITEM 12: That each church letter to the association remain the same as was adopted in church conference.
- ITEM 13: That our April session and October session convene at another church of our association.
- ITEM 14: We abide by the National Treaties.
- ITEM 15: We adopt the Roberts' Rules of Order as parliamentary procedure of this association.
- ITEM 16: (Deleted Spring 1996)
- ITEM 17: We close our church year the 1st Sunday in September, and that all church letters be received by the association at least 15 days before the association convenes.
- ITEM 18: Each church send \$1.50 per member for the minute fund and associational expense. This total to be re-evaluated and/or adjusted on even years.
- ITEM 19: That the Article of Faith read verbatim to the National Treaties Articles of Faith.
- ITEM 20: That the Business Committee be retained throughout the entire year for the purpose of preparing any business to come before the association.
- ITEM 21: We recommend that all churches call no minister for a pastor that is not in full fellowship with some Free Will Baptist Associational body.
- ITEM 22: That each church send a list of delegates to the clerk 10 days prior to each session.
- ITEM 23: That the reading of the church letters before the associational

body be omitted and a roll call of delegates, by the clerk, be made at each session.

ITEM 24: That all ministers provide the clerk with current addresses and phone numbers at each session.

ITEM 25: That the Credentials Committee, the Ordaining Council and the Business Committee meet with the Associational Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Clerk at the designated place on Thursday Night prior to each session.

ITEM 26: That this association have a standing ordaining council of three members composed of ministers of this body, with the oldest member to be dropped each year at the fall session and a new member to be appointed by the moderator.

ITEM 27: That the Association meet semi-annually with the first session to meet on the second (2nd) Saturday in April and the second session to meet on the second (2nd) Saturday in October, with the morning session to begin at 9:00 a.m.

ITEM 28: That all requests for ordination and membership into this Association be made at least 60 days prior to a session of the Association in order to provide time for examination.

ITEM 29: That all officers and standing committees of the association shall assume their duties at the end of the October session during which they were elected or appointed and serve until the end of the next October session.

ITEM 30: That the clerk be empowered to purchase materials and supplies for the various committees, such as the Sunday School Committee and the Deceased Members Committee, etc.

ITEM 31: That any church changing pastors and/or clerks, please notify the clerk in writing by August 1st each year.

ITEM 32: That the Moderator be given the power to appoint members to all standing committees if someone is unable to serve. Credential Committee, Ordaining Council, Business Committee and Sunday School Committee.

ITEM 33: The Moderator be given the power to appoint someone to serve if for some reason the Associational Pastor or the Trustee to the Children's Home can't perform their duties. This to be done anytime during their term.

ITEM 34: All officers and committees elected and appointed to serve the following year meet within 30 days after the Fall Session at the designated place per the moderator, to review the duties of each member and to prepare for that associational year.

ITEM 35: Any church wishing to become a member of this Association must petition in writing to the clerk 60 days before said associational meeting.

ITEM 36: That all ministers found to be disabled to attend the association continue in full fellowship and receive a card of good standing.

ITEM 37: We, the Business Committee, do hereby make a motion to send a \$50.00 flower arrangement in the event of the death of a pastor, preacher or wife of either that are in good standing in the MS/AL State Line Association. In the event of the death of any of the above, the church in which they are a member is to notify the association clerk.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE STATE LINE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OFFICERS

The officers of the State Line Free Will Baptist Association of Mississippi- Alabama shall be:

MODERATOR

The moderator shall be elected by the body of the Association during each October session. He shall be elected from among those ordained ministers in good standing with the Association for (2) years. He shall assume office at the end of the October session during which he is elected and serve until the end of the next October session.

The duties of the moderator shall be as follows:

- (1) Be knowledgeable of Roberts' Rules of Order.
- (2) Call the Association to order at the appointed time.
- (3) Preside over Associational meetings.
- (4) Announce the business before the Association in its proper order.
- (5) To state and put all questions properly brought before the Association.
- (6) To preserve order and decorum.
- (7) Decide all questions of order (subject to an appeal)
- (8) To inform the Association, when necessary or when referred to for the purpose, on a point of order or practice.
- (9) Other duties as outlined in Roberts' Rules of Order.
- (10) To preach the Saturday morning message during the October session.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

The assistant moderator shall be elected by the body of the Association during each October session. He shall be elected from among the ordained ministers in good standing with the Association. He shall assume office at the end of the October session during which he is elected and serve until the end of the next October session.

The duties of the assistant moderator shall be as follows:

- (1) To assume the duties of the moderator, in the absence of the moderator.
- (2) To preach the morning message of the April session.
- (3) Be in good standing with the association for (2) years.

CLERK

The clerk shall be elected by the body of the Association, from members of the Association in good standing with their church, during each October session. The clerk shall assume office at the end of the October session during which he/she is elected and serve until the end of the next October session. The duties of the clerk shall be as follows:

- (1) Keep a written record of the proceedings of the Association.
- (2) To cause the proceedings of the Association to be published and to distribute the published record to the various churches of the Association within a reasonable time after the October session.
- (3) To retain custody of all papers, reports, requests, items presented to committees belonging to the Association.
- (4) To deposit all monies delivered to him/her by the Association in the bank of his/her choice.
- (5) To make payment, from Association funds, for the standard expenses of the Association such as printing minutes, payment of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk, clerical supplies and committee expenses.
- (6) To maintain complete, accurate records of all receipts and disbursements.
- (7) To give the report of all committees to the Associational body.
- (8) To develop and provide forms for all ministers, deacons, delegates and visiting delegates to sign in to each session of the Association. These forms shall be available to the moderator, and such committees as shall need them, during the course of the Association.
- (9) To conduct correspondence as needed.
- (10) To assist the moderator with the order of business.
- (11) To provide the Devotion Committee with a list of ministers used during previous sessions of the Association.
- (12) To sit in on all special meetings of committees and councils for the purpose of keeping a record of the proceedings.
- (13) To make purchases of items on an emergency basis, not to exceed \$250.00 in any one Associational year.
- (14) Other duties as delegated by the Association.

ASSISTANT CLERK

The assistant clerk shall be selected by the clerk, from members of the association in good standing with their church, during the October session. The assistant clerk shall assume office at the end of the October session during which he/she is selected and serve until the end of the next October session.

The duties of the assistant clerk shall be as follows:

- (1) To assume the duties of the clerk, in the absence of the clerk.
- (2) To assist the clerk in his/her duties.

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR

The Associational Pastor shall be elected during each October session by the body of the Association from those ministers in good standing with the Association. He shall serve until the end of the next October session.

The duties of the Associational Pastor shall be as follows:

- (1) Fill in for pastors, as needed.
- (2) Visit each of the churches of the Association and report to the body concerning these visits.
- (3) Serve as pastor to the pastors.
- (4) Promote support for the pastors.
- (5) Organize and coordinate a "Church Day" or similar activity in the churches. The "Church Day" shall be an effort to unite the churches of the Association in a concerted effort to get more people involved in church.
- (6) Work to organize Associational support and recognition for churches that have shown significant growth, a new building, etc.

TRUSTEE TO CHILDREN'S HOME

The trustee to the Children's Home shall be elected during each October session from members of the Association in good standing with their church. He shall assume office at the end of the October session during which he is elected and serve until the end of the next October session.

The duties of the Trustee to the Children's Home shall be as follows:

- (1) Represent the Association on the Children's Home Board.
- (2) Promote the interests of the Children's Home among the churches and communities of this Association.
- (3) Solicit support for the home for any and all needs.
- (4) Establish a contact person in each church with whom to communicate concerning the needs of the home.
- (5) Report to the body of the Association on the needs and progress of the home.

COMMITTEES

The State Line Free Will Baptist Association of Mississippi-Alabama shall have the following committees:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee shall be a standing committee. It shall be composed of three deacons. The members shall serve a 3 year rotating term with the oldest member leaving the committee at the end of each October session and a new member being appointed by the Moderator during each October session.

The duties of the Credentials Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine all church letters, written applications for membership into the association by churches or ministers, and credentials to

see that they are in proper order.

- (2) To investigate and resolve, if possible, problems with the church letters.
- (3) To make appropriate recommendations to the body of the Association concerning church letters.
- (4) To make appropriate recommendations to the Ordaining Council concerning written applications for membership in the Association by churches or ministers.
- (5) To make its reports to the Association in the form of a motion.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council shall be a standing committee. It shall be composed of three ordained ministers who have been in good standing with the Association for a minimum of 3 years. The members shall serve 3 year rotating terms with the oldest member leaving the council at the end of each October session and a new member being appointed by the moderator during each October session.

The duties of the Ordaining Council shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine delegates from each church that has made written application to the Association for membership.
- (2) To examine each minister who has made written application to the Association for membership.
- (3) To examine all ministers who have been recommended, in writing, by their respective churches to be ordained. This examination shall include, but not limited to:
 - a. The applicants willingness to adhere to the Free Will Baptist's Articles of Faith.
 - b. The applicants beliefs concerning Free Will Baptist's teachings on baptism, the Lord's Supper, feet washing, alcohol, drugs, or any other item regarding Free Will Baptist's doctrine and beliefs.
 - c. The willingness of the applicant to surrender his card of standing and his certificate of ordination if he is guilty of walking disorderly.
 - d. To examine the written responses to the Guideline Questionnaire as adopted by the Association when returned by a candidate for ordination, or for a minister coming in from another association, prior to his examination per the Ordaining Council.
- (4) To investigate any charges that a minister of the Association is walking disorderly or in a manner unbecoming to his high calling.
- (5) To investigate, when requested, grievances within a church.
- (6) To examine ministers, who, having been dropped from the Association's list of ministers, which to be reinstated.
- (7) To make appropriate reports to the Association about all examin-

ations and investigations conducted by the council.

- (8) To distribute cards of standing to those ministers who are granted the cards.
- (9) To require that all ordained ministers and candidates for ordination sign a statement that if they are ever guilty of walking disorderly or of misconduct they will voluntarily surrender their card of standing and their certificate of ordination.
- (10) To provide the clerk with a list of ministers not reporting to the Association each year.
- (11) To make its report to the Association in the form of a motion.
- (12) It shall be the responsibility of the ordaining council to investigate any minister who is absent for the Spring and Fall Consecutive Sessions and to report their findings at the next scheduled session and to include a list of all disabled ministers of the association.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Business Committee shall be a standing committee. The committee shall be composed of the moderator, the assistant moderator, the clerk, and two members appointed by the moderator during each October session. The duties of the Business Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine all business items coming before the Association. All items must be submitted to the clerk in writing and signed at least ten days prior to the Associational session.
- (2) The committee shall represent those items of business that merit consideration by the Associational body, to the body for consideration.
- (3) To make its report to the Association in the form of a motion.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee shall be composed of ministers, delegates, and deacons appointed by the moderator. The committee shall be appointed at the beginning of the October session of the Association and complete its function during that session.

The duties of the Finance Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine all letters to the Association and determine the amount of money sent by churches of the Association for Associational funds.
- (2) To examine the clerk's records of receipts and expenditures and report to the Association their findings.
- (3) To report to the Association the balance in the treasury as of October 1, each year.
- (4) To make its report to the Association in the form of a motion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Sunday School Committee shall be composed of 3 members

appointed by the moderator to serve on a rotating basis with the oldest member to be dropped at the end of each October session and a new member appointed. Each member will serve 3 year terms.

The duties of the Sunday School Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine letters from the churches having Sunday School.
- (2) To conduct and coordinate activities among the churches to promote Sunday School, such as Sunday School Day, recognition of outstanding Sunday Schools, etc.
- (3) To designate a member of the committee to coordinate the activities sponsored by the committee.
- (4) To report to the Association during each October session concerning its findings and activities.
- (5) To make its reports to the Association in the form of a motion.

DECEASED MEMBERS COMMITTEE

The Deceased Members Committee shall be composed of members appointed by the moderator during each October session. The committee shall be appointed at the beginning of each October session and complete its function during that session.

The duties of the Deceased Members Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To examine letters to the Association for the names of deceased members.
- (2) To cause the list of deceased members to be read to the Associational body.
- (3) To select a minister to bring the message on deceased members.
- (4) To send greetings to the family of each deceased member.
- (5) To report to the Association prior to the message on deceased members.
- (6) To make its report to the Association in the form of a motion.

DEVOTION COMMITTEE

The Devotion Committee shall be composed of one minister and two deacons appointed by the moderator. The committee shall be appointed at the beginning of the April session and function for both the April and October sessions.

The duties of the Devotion Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) For the April session: To select a minister for the morning devotion.
- (2) For the October session: to select a minister for the morning devotion. The moderator shall preach the Saturday Morning message.
- (3) The committee shall consider a list of ministers used on previous occasions for the purpose of using as many of the ministers in good standing as possible.
- (4) To make its report to the Association in the form of a motion.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

The Appreciation Committee shall be composed of three delegates appointed by the moderator. The committee shall be appointed at the beginning of the April session and serve during both the April and October sessions.

The duties of the Appreciation Committee shall be as follows:

- (1) To express appreciation to the churches that host the Association for food and hospitality they have provided.
- (2) To recognize any ministers, churches, individuals or committees who through devoted service to the Association or to the ministry of Christ, deserve special recognition.
 - a. Each minister of the Association shall be recognized for every 10 years of continuous service to the ministry of Christ. (Years in other associations may count as long as they are continuous). The recognition shall include a pin and an appropriate certificate.

GUIDELINES TO BE USED FOR ANY MINISTER PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE INTO THIS ASSOCIATION

WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE FOLLOWING?

1. Eternal Security?
2. The Trinity?
3. The Virgin Birth?
4. Saved, Sanctified and Filled with the Holy Ghost?
5. Speaking in Tongues?
6. Heaven and Hell?
7. Liquor and Drugs?
8. ERA?
9. Tithing?
10. Baptism?
11. The Lord's Supper?
12. Fruit of the Vine?
13. Footwashing?
14. Abortion?
15. Homosexuality?
16. Women Preacher?
17. Support of the Association?
18. Articles of Faith?
19. How long have you been licensed by a church to preach the Gospel?
20. Have you ever been Ordained before?
21. Have you been married more than once?

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace to love and obey him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come and his will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CLERK

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FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call the church to order by the Moderator.
2. Call for the peace of the church.
3. Opportunity for members.
4. Inviting Brothers and Sisters to seat with us.
5. Reading of the minutes of the last conference.
6. Is there any reference?
7. Appointing of committees.
8. Any acknowledgements?
9. Report of committee
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
12. Distressed members
13. Adjournment

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time. He shall arise and address the Moderator and when recognized he shall proceed.
3. No person shall be interrupted while speaking by anyone except by the Moderator and not by the Moderator unless he breaks the rules of order.
4. The person speaking must adhere to the subject in question, shall not use words of personal reflection.
5. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the association and not more than five minutes each time.
6. No member shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.
7. No person shall address another except by the appellation of brother or sister.
8. No member shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator. The names of all ministers, deacons, and delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk and called as often as deemed necessary by the Moderator.
9. Every member of this body shall vote for or against every move that comes before it. Those failing to do so shall be reprimanded by the Moderator.
10. Any person who shall knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprovved by the Moderator according to directions of the Association.

